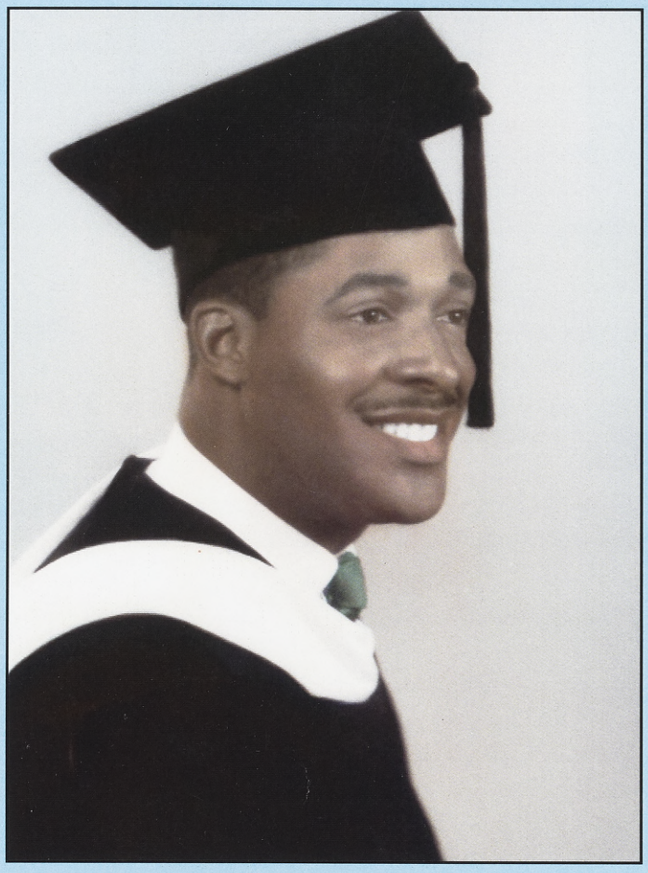
Celebration Of Life

Sunrise: September 2, 1932 Sunset: January 25, 2000



DEACON PAUL EWING REEMS

"The True Measure Of A Man"
Services
Sunday Night, January 30, 2000
6:00 P.M.
Monday Morning, January 31, 2000
11:00 A.M.
Center Of Hope Community Church
8411 MacArthur Blvd. - Oakland, California

Officiating
Apostle Darrell Hines
Apostle Richard D. Henton

"I Will Bless The Lord At ALl Times"
His Praise Shall Continually Be In My Mouth" - Psalm 34:1

Program
Educator
Dedicated Husband/Father
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PROGRAM

Sunday Night, January 30, 2000 - 6:00 P.M.

Expediters: Pastors
Maxine Goodrich
Albert Haynes
Johnnie M. Riley
Jim E. Rowe

Prelude.....Minister Derrick Hall
Processional.....Apostle Darrell Hines
Prayer.....Pastor Herma Ross-Shorty
Scripture Reading:
Old Testament: .....Psalm 23.....Deacon Donnell Evans
New Testament .....St. John 14:1-4.....Evangelist Demoire Sherman
A & B Selections .....COH Mass Choir
"That's What He's Done For Me"
"Order My Steps In Your Word"
Expressions: (2 Minutes Please)
Children/Youth Ministry .....Brenda White
Michele Riley
COH Mass Choir/Performing Arts.....Brenda Hooker
Pastor Maxine Goodrich
Genesis Ministry.....Vicky Washington
Nurses/Ushers Board.....Shirley Jones
Deacon Huston Baker
Deacon's Board .....John Iglehart
Selection.....Bible Christian Center Choir - San Jose, CA
Expressions (2 Minutes Please)
Food Program/Outreach Ministry.....Greta Evans
Sunday School Dept. .....Deacon David Dove
Prayer Ministry .....EvangelistPamela Dawson
Mother's Board/Women's Dept.....Mother Prinzola Moreland
Sister Myrtle Beasley
Pastoral Staff/Minister's Board.....Dr. Christine Liddell
Dance Selection.....Malika Brown
Selection.....East Oakland Deliverance Center Choir
Bishop Ray Mack
Remarks From Family Members.....Evangelist Morrie Jacks
Pastor Chandler Cleveland
Special Tribute From Son.....Brian Ernest Reems
Special Remarks.....(2 Minutes Please) .....Bishop Ray E. Mack
Evangelist Taft Gist
Pastor Stephen King
Evangelist Veola Nation
Pastor Joseph Gallegos
Pastor Anthony Willis
Apostle Joseph & Priscilla Demps
Solo.....Tramaine Hawkins-Richardson
Message.....Apostle Darrell Hines
Christian Faith Fellowship Church
Milwaukee, WS

PROGRAM

Monday Morning, January 31, 2000 - 11:00 A.M.

Expediters:
Bishop Roderick R. Caesar, Jr.
Pastor Maria Gardner
Dr. Wanda Turner

Organ Prelude ..... Minister Derrick Hall
Processional ..... Apostle Richard D. Henton
Prayer ..... Rev. Dr. Cynthia James
Scripture Reading:
Old Testament: ..... Psalm 23 ..... Bishop David Copeland
New Testament ..... St. John 14:1-4 ..... Rev. Dr. Claudette Copeland
A & B Selections ..... COH Mass Choir
"The Center Of My Joy"
"Order My Steps In Your Word"
Expressions - (2 Minutes Please)
Michael & Elizabeth Ringbom
Pastors Timothy & Bernadine McGhee
Pastors Ed & Saundra Montgomery
Pastor George Bloomer
Solo ..... "Yes, Jesus Loves Me" ..... Cornell Wheeler
Rev. Dr. Claudette Copeland
Rev. Dr. Cynthia James
Rev. Dr. Pat McKinstry
Rev. Dr. Iona Locke
Rev. Dr. Millicent Hunter
Selection ..... Pastor Vincent Manyweather
Special Remarks - "Spiritual Son & Daughter" ..... Apostle Darrell Hines
Pastor Pamela Hines
Selection ..... David Reems, Jr.
Remarks ..... Norman Reems
Dr. John Cleveland
Evangelist Elmer Cleveland
Musical Tribute ..... (Eldest Son) ..... Pastor Brondon Paul Reems
Tribute ..... (Youngest Son) ..... Brian Ernest Reems
Expressions ..... (2 Minutes Please) ..... Bishop Larry McGathan
Apostle Irene Huston
Apostle JoAnn Long
Bishop Donald Murray
Bishop LaFar Johnson
Bishop Barbara Amos
Bishop W.W. Hamilton
Bishop Charles Blake
Acknowledgement - Cards, Telegrams & Condolences ..... Minister Maria Reems
Obituary ..... Dr. Christine Liddell
Selection ..... Tramaine Hawkins-Richardson
Eulogy ..... Apostle Richard D. Henton
Monument Of Faith Church, Chicago, IL
Recessional .....

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HIS STORY

His favorite scripture:

"I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth". Psalm 34:1

Paul Ewing Reems was born in St. Louis, Missouri on September 2, 1932 to David A. Reems, Sr. and Caroline Inge Reems. He was the second of four children born to this union.

Paul was nurtured and grew up in a loving Christian environment where he developed a profound and abiding faith in God. He received Christ as his Personal Savior at a very early age under the leadership of Bishop Daniel Bostick, pastor of 23rd and Delmar Church of God In Christ, a/k/a Bostick Temple.

He received the Holy Ghost at age 15. He worked faithfully with the Youth Department of 23rd and Delmar Church of God In Christ until he enlisted in the Military.

Paul received his formal education in the St. Louis School System. After graduating from Sumner High School in 1949, he pursued higher education at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri. He received his B.A. degree from Lincoln University in 1953. In 1964, Paul graduated from San Francisco State University where he earned his Masters in Education. Paul began his teaching career in the St. Louis Public School System in 1955.

In 1958, Paul met the well known Evangelist, Ernestine Cleveland. It was love at first sight. He relocated to Berkeley, California and on June 14, 1959 Paul and Ernestine were married. From this union two sons were born; Brondon Paul and Brian Ernest.

In 1959, Paul became gainfully employed with the Oakland Unified School District, holding his first teaching position at Harbor Homes School in West Oakland. He later became Vice Principal at Harbor Homes School. He was later transferred to Fruitvale Elementary School where he served as a dedicated committed head teacher until he retired from the School System in 1988.

Paul along with his wife opened the Center of Hope Community Church in September 1968 with four members. He worked faithfully and diligently along side Pastor Reems until his health began to fail him a few years ago. In spite of Paul's failing health, he never missed an opportunity to encourage and motivate others; especially children and youth, to pursue higher education.

Paul was a loving dedicated husband and father. Pastor Reems often spoke of how he worked as many as six jobs one year to insure that his family was well cared for. Those who knew Deacon Reems more intimately, knew that he loved his wife. He would tell people, "I love my wife". He would often speak of Pastor Reems with terms of endearment; such as "My wife", "My wife cooked me this", "My wife bought me this", "My wife, she knows what to do". He always referred to her as someone very special and dear in his life.

Paul served well on the Deacon's Board, Men's Ministry and in the Choir. He was well loved by his Center of Hope Family and all of those whom his life touched.

On Tuesday night, January 25, 2000 at around 10:45 p.m., surrounded by his loving wife, family and his Church family, Deacon Reems took his flight to Glory. Hallelujah! Deacon Reems leaves to cherish his precious memories, his loving and devoted wife of 41 years, Ernestine and two sons, Brondon Paul and Brian Ernest; two brothers, David (Georgelita) Reems, Jr. Norman Reems of Los Angeles, California; one sister Constance Hart of St. Louis, Missouri; two grandchildren, Jessica and Brenden Ernestine; three brothers-in-law, Evangelist Elmer (Josephine) Cleveland of Cerritos, California, Dr. John (Nadine) Cleveland and Chester Cleveland of Oakland, California; two sisters-in-law, Bernice (Charles) Brazil of Ocala, Florida and Vivyene Cleveland of Oakland, California; one aunt, Elizabeth Foster of St. Louis, Missouri and a host of nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Love encircles life and encloses time and space. love reaches into eternity. Death is not the end for those who love the Lord. We know that our loved one, Deacon Paul Ewing Reems is in heaven with the Lord. We praise and thank God for his exemplary life of a fine Christian gentleman.

Educator
Fruitvale Elementary School

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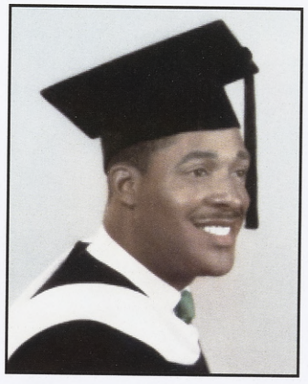

Memories Of Paul Reems
We Will Never Target

The staff and community were overwhelmed the year this delightful young man with that beautiful smile became a teacher at Fruitvale School.

From the very first day the students at every level were excited, happy with a smile on each face and happy that this young man was going to be a teacher at our school. Mr. Reems was delighted too. His personality was a pleasure to staff and students. He enjoyed being with the children at recess and at lunch. As time passed he had touched the hearts of our children and staff. Paul seemed to enjoy each day and certainly became very popular with everyone. His knowledge and teaching skills were a challenge to the children. His manner was such that students at the primary level couldn't wait to be in his class. His warmth and care of the students penetrated throughout th school and community. Everyone loved him very much.

We will always remember our friend and teacher…

From the Fruitvale Staff
Former Principal: Mrs. Edith Gates
Present Principal & Colleague of Bro Paul in His teaching Career
Mr. Cherie Ivey

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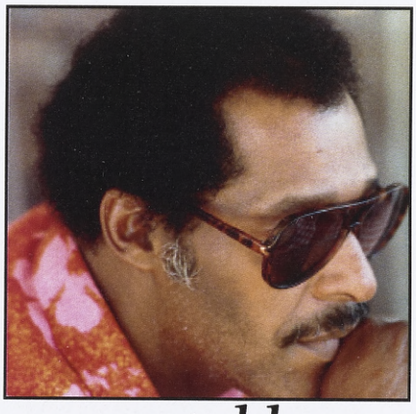

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The True Measure Of A Man
By: Deacon Benjamin M. Harrison Jr.

Paul Ewing Reems was not a man to be measured on first sight! In a time when the world was trying to convince Black Americans that they no longer had a leader; they never met Deacon Paul Reems. He loomed tall and strong in the Oakland community at large and especially in the family of the Center of Hope Community Church. He was a shining example of one who had absorbed himself in Christ through faith, prayer, and meditation on the Word of God.

Paul Reems was a graduate of one of the greatest historically black colleges of today, Lincoln University. At Lincoln, you are expected to do well in the world. Paul had done exceedingly well. He was an exceptional educator and teacher, a rare spirit, a unique husband and a father of whom to be proud. He was a man of brilliance, his fluency and wit in his voice of words, his ability to sing great songs on a moment's notice, and a voice that would leave you in awe.

Paul Reems was a man who knew the difference between holding a hand and chaining a soul. He was a man who could accept God's will even if it meant incapacitation, and still kept his head held high, his eyes wide open, and a word of encouragement for his fellowman, woman and especially a child.

God help us to find another such manner of man!

PAUL REEMS: YOUR LOVE TAUGHT US HOW TO DISREGARD OUR FEARS, AND YOUR SMILE BROUGHT SOME JOY INSIDE OUR TEARS!

And now that you're gone your song still lives on. Paul Reems taught us that life without risk is only half a life, beauty awaits those who put their heart and soul on the line. Paul Reems was willing to set conformity aside in order to fulfill his unique possibilities. He had the audacity to step from the crowd and capture the flower he loved so unconditionally, Ernestine Cleveland Reems.

Paul Reems decided early on to pursue greatness and chose to accept the consequences of his actions by becoming an agent for his own mental, spiritual, physical, and material success. My father did with his pain that which nurtures the soul, and by doing so adversity did not diminish him, it magnified him. Paul Reems was always growing because he understood that true growth occurs when you are free, not from the truth, but from your own negative responses to the truth.

My father was a real friend who built bridges for all those who knew him from the dark into the light. He taught me that our greatest problems in life come not so much from situations we confront as from our doubts regarding our ability to handle these situations. Paul Reems life teaches us that we will never pursue power educationally, politically, or economically until we first convince ourselves that we are entitled to it. Let's stop making excuses and taking the fall. Let's become less like ourselves and more like Paul.

By Brian Ernest Reems

Paul Reems, A Model Deacon and a "Gentle-man".

Paul was a walking reality of 1 Peter 5:5 which says, "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble."

As the "First-Man" of The Center of Hope Community Church, Paul knew and exemplified the definition of a humble -man. He was a man who accepted God's Will, even if it meant incapacitation of the body while restoring his soul, be kept his head held high, his eyes wide open in the Spirit, and always had a word of encouragement for his fellowman, woman, and, especially a child.

A few years ago the church created an annual award to bestow upon the Center of Hope man most like Brother Paul. God help us to find such **"MANNER OF MAN."**

By Deacon Ben Harrison

Acknowledgements

Each Lovely card, each comforting word,
Each visit to our grieved abode,
Each lovely flower, each gracious prayer
To all who now our burdens share,
Accept our thanks and gratitude,
And may we say as well,
Your kindness meant far more to us
Than we can ever tell.

From All Of Us

The Family wishes to thank Pastor Reems for
the very special care of her husband
during the time of his illness
we love and appreciate you.

The Family

"Special thanks to the following individuals who generously gave of their time and services in assisting in caring for my wonderful husband during the season of his illness."

Virginia Robinson • Yolanda Green • Thelma Watson • Mary Lance • Dian Davis
Cecil Hurst • Helen English • Martha Drumgole • LaTanya Eugene • Brenda Hooker
Mary Price • Margaret Carthell • Robert Nicholson

- Pastor Ernestine Reems -

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Danté McClinton
Dion Strothers
Cornell Wheeler
Lance Riley
Demoire Sherman
Fred Wright

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Deacon Emory English
Deacon Donnell Evans
Deacon Larry Brumfield
Deacon Ben Harrison

Deacon John Iglehart

My Vision Of The Road To Heaven

I had a vision of the road that leads to Glory Land.
Although it wasn't easy by the end thereof was grand,
Starting on the journey and determined to go through
I discovered I needed patience and lots of courage too.

While I was at a bus stop waiting to catch a bus,
The waiting seemed so endless for every one of us.
Some cars began to pass by and we were asked to ride.
All the others accepted but I prayed for God to guide.

Left all alone to wait with no sign of a bus in sight,
Feeling the chilling pressures of the lonely dark of night.
I almost wished I had hitchhiked with others who had gone,
I earnestly prayed to God for I was fearful and alone.

God gave strength and courage, endurance, and patience too,
So I braced myself and waited the way He had told me to do.
After much fear and agony, finally the bus came along.
I was so very happy that I had not gone with the throng.

I boarded that precious bus so happy within my soul.
That I had waited on Jesus the way of the eternal goal.
As I entered into the depot, an officer called my name.
Placed a ring on my finger, "Espoused to Jesus," He explained.

C.P.

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